Orissa which have been severely affected by the scarcity of drinking water. In addition, an amount of Rs. 1. 63 crores was a]$_{So}$ released for purchase of rigs and other equipments. Recently, the Central Government has approved a sum of Rs. 4. 63 crores towards ceiling of expenditure under drought relief for supply of drinking water in rural areas inclusive of the above assistance.

(b) and (c) The *ad hoc* assistance released to the State Goyetnjnenl is meant for all the scarcity affected areas including tribal and hill villages with acute shortage of water.

**Allotment of Palmoline oil to Orissa**

737. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of edible olil for the State of Orissa during the year 1987-88 and the total quantity supplied during the months from April to October, 1987;

(b) what is the allotment of Palmoline oil to the State of Orissa dur-ling the months from April to October, 1987; and

(c) whether Government have for-mulated any policy for the distribution of Palmoline oil?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The demand made by the Government of Orissa for the Oil Year 1986-87 (Nov. 86--Oct. 87) is 72, 000 MTs. The total quantity of Palmoline oil allocated $t_0$ Orissa from April. 1987 to October, 1987 is 17, 400 MTs. against which they have lfift-ed 10. 152 MTs. The month-wise allocation of Palmoline oil to Orissa from April, 1987 to October, 1987 is as follows:

| Month | Allocation under PDS including Small Packs |
|---|---|
| April 1987 | 1, 050 Mts |
| May | 1, 250 Mts |
| June | 1. 400 Mts |
| July | 1, 600 Mts |
| August. | 3, 500 Mts |
| September | 3, 800 Mts |
| October. | 4, 800 Mts |
| TOTAL | 17, 400 Mts |

(c) The Central Government allocates the imported edible oil including Palmoline o[1]* at a fixed issue price to States/Union Territories for supply through Public Distribution System. Further distribution of his oil is State's responsibility to whom guidelines regarding scale erf distribution, consumer price chargeaole regarding scale of distribution, consumer price chargeable and preventive and punitive measures to be taken against illegal diversion into unauthorised channels have been issued.

**Reduction of staff in Field Publicity set up**

738 SHRI KALPNATH BAI;
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

"Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the staff employed under the Field Publicity set-up of the Minfistry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how Government propose to provide alternative employment to the staff so affected and save them from unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA). (a) and (c) No final decision has been taken to reduce the strength of the Directorate of Field Publicity.

**Export of radio-active caesium milk powder by EEC**

739. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICUL TURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the BBC and German T. V. reports of October 10, 1987 according to which Radio-active caesium 137 milk powder was exported by the EEC and Czechoslovakia to Ghana and to some other countries; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ensured that milk powder received from the EEC countries by India is free of pollution caused by Chernobyl disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Facts are being ascertained.

**Advertisements given by DAVP**

740. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what w, as the total value of advertisements given by the DAVP to small newspapers during the years 1985-B6 and so far in 1987; and

(W what was the total value of advertisements given to big newspapers in the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) and (b) The total value of advertisements given by DAVP to small and big newspapers is as under: —

| Year | Small | Big |
|---|---|---|
| | (in Rs. ) | (in Rs. ) |
| 1985-86<br>1986-87 | 76, 30, 536 1, | 2, 43, 75, 551 |
| 1987 88 (April | 05, 68, 569 | 4, 05, 93, |
| June) | 22, 00, 451 | 226 1, 27, 13, 671 |

**Norms for sanction of Central Assistance for Natural Calamities**

741. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which were affected by the natural calamities like floods and drought in the year 1986-87;

(b) whether Government have prepared any plan to check these calamities for the current year in the light of calamities during 1986-87;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any inter-Ministerial Committee was set-up in this regard to form norms for Central assistance, if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A Statement showing the names of tre States affected by drought and flood is given at Statement-I. [See below].

(b) and (c) The Government have prepared an action plan to meet the situation arising out of drought and floods. A copy of the action plan is given at Statement-n. [See below].

(d) No Committee has been set up during this year for revising the norm for Central assistance.